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For: APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING NEUTRON BEAM AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME) Date: February 5, 2008)

COMMENTS (B) ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 28, 2007, Applicants make the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of November 28, 2007, at 2, lines 10-15. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the language of the allowed claims, especially independent claims 1 and 7. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance mischaracterize the allowed claims 1-11, Applicants object. Nonetheless, Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no <u>prima</u> facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicants.

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